

LST 325 SHIP COMING TO MT.VERNON

The Evansville based LST 325 Ship is coming to Mt.Vernon for a four day stop. Every year the LST has annual maintenance on their ship and then travels to another community for a three or four day stop. This year the City of Mt.Vernon have been selected for that stop at the Riverfront.

The LST (Landing Ship Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. The ships were enormously useful during WWII, Korea, and the Vietnam Conflict and belonged to all services....Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Merchant Marine. There were 1,051 of those ships that were built for WWII and 70% were built on the Ohio and Illinois Rivers. The LST was considered **“The Ship That Won The War”**.

During WWII 1051 LST's were built. The LST 325 is the last one of her class that can still sail under her own power. This ship participated in the decisive victory at Normandy during Operation Overlord.

The LST will be arriving on the afternoon of April 16th and be docked here thru the weekend. The LST will be leaving the Mt.Vernon dock on Tuesday morning, April 20th to return back to the home dock in Evansville later that day.

A welcome ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 9:00 AM . Tours will be available from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Last tour ticket will be sold at 4:00 PM. Length of tours will last between 30 to 45 minutes.

Costs of tours: Adults - \$10.00: Children (under 18) - \$5.00
 Children (under 6) free
 Family (Parents and Children under 18) - \$20.00
 School groups - \$3.00 – Chaperones – 1 free/10 students
 (additionals adults with school groups - \$10.00 each)

Special events can be scheduled on the main deck and tank deck such as dinners, weddings and receptions after visitation is over. Contact the LST 325 Office for details or scheduling at 435-8678 or 325office@lstmemorial.org . The Captain is also available for special memorial services.